

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Official Action dated June 10, 2010. Claims 16-23, 27, 28 and 30 have been rejected over the prior art. Claim 23 has been amended. Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Official Action rejected Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Official Action alleges that the specification lacks support for the limitation "wherein the composition is free of polyphenylene ether".

While not acquiescing in the rejection, Claim 23 has been amended in a manner which obviates this rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Official Action rejected Claims 16-23, 27, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0134963 to Miyoshi et al. ("Miyoshi") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0070657 to Elkovitch et al. ("Elkovitch").

The Official Action suggests "amending the transitional phrase in line 2 of Claim 23 from "comprising" to - - consisting of - - in order to exclude the presence of the polyphenylene ether as required by Miyoshi et al. and would render the claims as allowable."

In response, Claim 23 has been amended as suggested, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Claims 16-22, 27, 28 and 30, which depend from Claim 23 are also patentable for at least the reasons Claim 23 is patentable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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